

Tuesday, March 17, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2083–S2146

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1768–1789, S. Res. 196 and 197, and S. Con. Res. 84.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1768, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105–168)

S. 1769, making supplemental appropriations for the International Monetary Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105–169)

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Measures Passed:

Honoring Senator McCain/Vietnam POW's: Senate agreed to S. Res. 196, recognizing, and calling on all Americans to recognize, the courage and sacrifice of Senator John McCain and the members of the Armed Forces held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and stating that the American people will not forget that more than 2,000 members of the Armed Forces remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict and will continue to press for the fullest possible accounting for all such members whose whereabouts are unknown. Pages S2109–11

Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools—Cloture Vote: By 74 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 34), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts. Page S2094

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 18, 1998. Page S2106

NATO Enlargement: Senate began consideration of Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on

Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic (Treaty Doc. 105–36), with seven declarations and four conditions. Pages S2106–09, S2111–12

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination: By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 35 EX), Susan Graber, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—35) Pages S2094–95

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, March 18, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on pages S2144–45.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—CHILD NUTRITION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs, focusing on the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), after receiving testimony from Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; Robert A. Robinson, Director, Food and Agricultural Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Denise Ferris, National Association of WIC Directors, and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; Joan Trendall, Marion County Health

Department, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the American Dietetic Association; Joseph Terrance Williams, Wyoming State Electronic Benefits Transfer Program and Western Governor's Association Health Passport Project, Cheyenne; and A.K. Hawley Botchford, Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, Fort Myers.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 1768) making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and

An original bill (S. 1769) making supplemental appropriations for the International Monetary Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, receiving testimony in behalf of their respective activities from Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary, and Thomas J. Billy, Administrator, both of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Michael V. Dunn, Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and Terry L. Medley, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 24.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of David R. Oliver, of Idaho, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, Sue Bailey, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, and Paul J. Hooper, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on ship acquisition, receiving testimony from Jerry M. Hultin, Under Secretary of the Navy; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources; Lt.

Gen. John E. Rhodes, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

1999 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee began mark up of a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 1999 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, receiving testimony from Senator Jeffords; William B. Schultz, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, and Mitchell Zeller, Associate Commissioner, both of the Food and Drug Administration, and Michael Eriksen, Director, Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Joe Garagiola, Romano and Associates Inc., Columbia, Maryland, on behalf of Oral Health America; Gregory N. Connolly, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston; and Richard H. Verheij, UST Inc., Washington, D.C., on behalf of United States Tobacco Company.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 19.

PRIVACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights concluded hearings to examine the use of encryption and mandatory access in digital communications, focusing on proposals to balance privacy rights with law enforcement concerns, after receiving testimony from Representative Goodlatte; Robert S. Litt, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; James J. Fotis, Law Enforcement Alliance of America, Falls Church, Virginia; Thomas Parenty, SyBase, Inc., Emeryville, California; Kathleen M. Sullivan, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California, and Richard A. Epstein, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois, all on behalf of Americans for Computer Privacy; Bill Weidemann, RedCreek Communications, Newark, California; Cindy A. Cohn, McGlashan and Sarraile, San Mateo, California; and Tim D. Casey, MCI Communications, Washington, D.C.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information resumed hearings to examine the need for a national strategy and policies to protect the critical infrastructures of the United States, receiving testimony from former Senator Nunn and Jamie S. Gorelick, each a Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee to the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection; and Lt. Gen. David J. Kelley, Director, and Brig. Gen. James Hylton, Director of Operations, both of the Defense Information Systems Agency, Department of Defense.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

RETIREMENT SECURITY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee held hearings to examine retirement security and the need for defined pension plans for American workers, focusing on S. 957, to establish a Pension ProSave system which improves the retirement income security of millions of American workers by encouraging employers to make pension contributions on behalf of employees, by facilitating pension portability, by preserving and increasing retirement savings, and by simplifying pension law, receiving testimony from Representative Pomeroy; David M. Strauss, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Ron E. Merolli, National Life of Vermont, Montpelier; James E. Turpin, Turpin and Associates, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on behalf of the American

Society of Pension Actuaries; John M. Kimpel, Fidelity Investments, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Joseph S. Perkins, American Association of Retired Persons, Danvers, Massachusetts; Michael Calabrese, Center for National Policy, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Pensions 2000 Committee; and Michael Garretson, Milwaukee, Oregon, on behalf of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-USA.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the medical, chemical, and biological warfare preparedness program of the Department of Defense, focusing on lessons learned from Persian Gulf War illnesses, after receiving testimony from Bernard Rostker, Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary for Gulf War Illnesses, and Gary A. Christopherson, Acting Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, both of the Department of Defense; Rear Adm. Michael L. Cowan, Deputy Director for Medical Readiness, Joint Staff; Randolph F. Wykoff, Associate Commissioner for Operations, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark E. Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; and Melissa A. McDiarmid, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3467–3482; 1 private bill, H.R. 3483; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 244–246 and H. Res. 386–387, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2864, to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements, amended (H. Rept. 105–444);

H.R. 2877, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, amended (H. Rept. 105–445);

H.R. 3096, to correct a provision relating to termination of benefits for convicted persons, amended (H. Rept. 105–446);

H.R. 3039, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to guarantee loans to provide multifamily transitional housing for homeless veterans, and, amended (H. Rept. 105–447);

H.R. 3213, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify enforcement of veterans' employment rights with respect to a State as an employer or a private employer, to extend veterans' employment and reemployment rights to members of the uniformed services employed abroad by United States companies, amended (H. Rept. 105–448);

H. Res. 388 providing for consideration of H.R. 2870, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests (H. Rept. 105–449); and

H.R. 3412, to amend and make technical corrections in title III of the Small Business Investment Act, amended (H. Rept. 105-450). **Page H1235**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hobson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1169**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, March 16 by a ye and nay vote of 359 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 54. **Pages H1173, H1207**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H1173**

Electing Speaker Pro Tempore: The House agreed to H. Res. 386, electing the Honorable Richard K. Armey of Texas to act as Speaker pro tempore during the absence of the Speaker. **Page H1173**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

OSHA Compliance Assistance Authorization Act: H.R. 2864, amended, to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements; **Pages H1176-77**

OSHA Act of 1970 Amendment: H.R. 2877, amended, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; **Pages H1177-79**

National Race for the Cure: H. Con. Res. 238, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a breast cancer survivors event sponsored by the National Race for the Cure; **Pages H1179-81**

Human Rights in China: H. Res. 364, amended, urging the introduction and passage of a resolution on the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China at the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 54); **Pages H1181-92, H1208-09**

Democracy in Botswana: H. Res. 373, commending democracy in Botswana; and **Pages H1192-93**

Elections in Cambodia: H. Res. 361, amended, calling for free and impartial elections in Cambodia (agreed to by ye and nay vote of 393 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 55). **Pages H1193-96, H1209-10**

Suspensions—Votes Postponed: The House completed debate and postponed votes until Wednesday, March 18 on the following suspensions:

Human Rights in Northern Ireland: The House completed general debate on H. Con. Res. 152, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that all parties to the multiparty peace talks regarding

Northern Ireland should condemn violence and fully integrate internationally recognized human rights standards and adequately address outstanding human rights violations as part of the peace process; and **Pages H1196-H1201**

Repression in Kosova: H. Con. Res. 235, amended, calling for an end to the violent repression of the legitimate rights of the people of Kosova. **Pages H1201-06**

Member Sworn: Representative-elect Lois Capps presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by Speaker pro tempore Armey. **Pages H1207-08**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1207, H1208-09, and H1209-10. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Natural Resources and Environment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Pearlle S. Reed, Chief, Lawrence E. Clark, Deputy Chief, Programs, and Fee Busby, Deputy Chief, Science and Technology, all with the Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development met in executive session to hold a hearing on Atomic Energy Defense Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary, Defense Programs; and Rose E. Gottemoeller, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Smithsonian and on the Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from I. Michael Hayman, Chairman, Smithsonian Institution; and Patrick Shea, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute of Dental Research, the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the National Center for Research Resources. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Duane Alexander, M.D., Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Harold Slavkin, M.D., Director, National Institute of Dental Research; Stephen I. Katz, M.D., Director, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and Judith L. Vaitukaitis, M.D., Director, National Center for Research Resources.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Natural Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Central Command/U.S. European Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command; and Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC, Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command.

**VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SELF AUDITS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Federal-State Relationship: Environmental Self Audits. Testimony was heard from Senator Allard; Steven A. Herman, Associate Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, EPA; Gale A. Norton, Attorney General, State of Colorado; David Ronald, Assistant Attorney General, State of Arizona; and public witnesses.

WIC PROGRAM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Testimony was heard from Robert Robinson, Director, Issues Area, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Federal Employee Health Benefits: OPM Program Guidance for 1999. Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, OPM; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, approved for full Committee action, amended, the following bills: H.R. 3310, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998; and H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 3310. Testimony was heard from Emily Sheketoff, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; Joseph Onek, Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Brian J. Lane, Director, Division of Corporate Finance, SEC; and Neil Eisner, Assistant General Counsel, Regulation and Enforcement, Department of Transportation.

AFRICA—PRESIDENT'S HISTORIC VISIT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing to preview the President's Historic Visit to Africa. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Rice, Assistant Secretary, Africa, Department of State.

IRAN MISSILE PROTECTION ACT

Committee on National Security: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2786, Iran Missile Protection Act of 1997.

**GENDER-INTEGRATED TRAINING—
FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FINDINGS**

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the findings of the Federal Advisory Committee on Gender-Integrated Training and Related Issues and Department of Defense response. Testimony was heard from Nancy Kassebaum Baker, Chairman, Federal Advisory Committee on Gender-Integrated Training and Related Issues; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness); Gen. William W. Couch, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; Gen. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; and Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC, Assistant

Commandant, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1833, Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 1997; and H.R. 2742, California Indian Land Transfer Act. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Michael E. Lincoln, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Stephen V. Quesenberry, Director, Litigation, Indian Legal Services, State of California; and public witnesses.

FOREST SERVICE'S ROADLESS AREA POLICY

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 3297, to suspend the continued development of a roadless area policy on public domain units and other units of the National Forest System pending adequate public participation and determination that a roadless area policy will not adversely affect forest health and an oversight hearing on follow up on the Administration's Forest Service Roadless Area Moratorium. Testimony was heard from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

TROPICAL FOREST CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2870, Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, which shall be considered as read. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to those members who have pre-printed their amendments in the *Congressional Record*. The rule further permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce the voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Bereuter.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER COMMERCIALIZATION ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on H.R. 2544, Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Ray Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

TICKET TO WORK AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representative Ramstad; Susan Daniels, Associate Commissioner of Disability, SSA; and public witnesses.

CIA OVERVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on CIA Overview. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on National Guard programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on the implementation of provisions of the Management Reform Act of 1997 relating to the revitalization of the District of Columbia (P.L. 105-34), 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Labor, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings to review the status of acquisition reform in the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs and the Service safety programs, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings to examine the Office of Thrift Supervision's Year 2000 preparedness, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, business meeting, to resume markup of a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 1999 budget for the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the Wall Street view on the Telecommunications Act (P.L. 104-104), 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine the role of the International

Monetary Fund in supporting United States agricultural exports to Asia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Vacancies Act, a statute that supplies the exclusive means for temporarily filling advice and consent positions in all executive branch departments and agencies, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine nuclear nonproliferation and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105-28), 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 1648, to provide for reductions in youth smoking, for advancements in tobacco-related research, and the development of safer tobacco products, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Small Business, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the 1999 Multilateral Negotiations on Agricultural Trade-Europe, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the SEC, 10 a.m., and on Department of State Administration of Foreign Affairs, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, executive, on Atomic Energy Defense Activities, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on AID Administrator, 9:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Geological Survey, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Library of Medicine, and the National Institute of Nursing Research: Fogarty International Center, 10 a.m., and on National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the National Eye Institute, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on Quality of Life, 10 a.m., and, executive, on Readiness, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to continue mark up of H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Science Committee, joint hearing on Oversight of the Federal Government's Year 2000 Efforts, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to make up campaign reform legislation, 4 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Peace Corps: 10,000 Volunteers by the Year 2000, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Laws, to continue hearings on the consumer bankruptcy issues in H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998, H.R. 2500, Responsible Borrower Protection Bankruptcy Act; and H.R. 3146, Consumer Lenders and Borrowers Bankruptcy Accountability Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following: Alternative Dispute Resolution; H.R. 3163, Trade Dress Protection Act; H.R. 3210, Copyright Compulsory License Improvement Act; and H.R. 2652, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, hearing on U.S. Policy on Bosnia, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on infrastructure implications of the Defense Reform Initiative, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Quarterly Readiness Reports, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing on Problems and Issues with the National Environmental Policy Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on National Marine Fisheries Service FY '99 Budget request and other National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration programs, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, oversight hearing on Diesel Technology for the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction, joint hearing on unequal regulatory burden borne by small businesses, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and Airport Improvement Program, 10 a.m. 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Ship Scrapping Activities of the United States Government, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to approve Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates, 12:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs participation in the Energy Management Program, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Commercial Mapping Technologies, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veter-

ans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Kosova, focusing on the appropriate international response to the recent violence, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Wednesday, March 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of four Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 18

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday, Consideration of 4 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 2696, Vessel Hull Design Protection Act;
 2. H.R. 2294, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1997;
 3. H.R. 3117, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1998; and
 4. S. 758, Lobbying Disclosure Technical Amendments Act of 1997;
- Vote on Suspensions (rolled from Tuesday, March 17, 1998):

1. H. Con. Res. 152, expressing the Sense of Congress regarding Northern Ireland; and

2. H. Con. Res. 235, calling for an end to the repression of the rights of the people of Kosova;

Consideration of H. Con. Res. 227, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (unanimous consent order of March 12); and

Consideration of H.R. 1757, Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act Conference Report (rule waiving points of order).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue**HOUSE**

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